

Appendix A

State and Local Permit Checklist

What types of permits do expanding livestock and poultry operations need?

✓ **Town**

✓ **County**

✓ **DNR**

✓ **DATCP**

There are many different types of permits and approvals that might be required for new or expanding dairies and other animal feeding operations. Below is a partial list to get you started. However, **please note that this is not an all-inclusive list**, and you will need to ask your local, county and state officials directly if there are any other permits or approvals needed. Your operation may require some or all of the following:

Town/County permits and approvals

- ★ Before planning begins, operators must check that their proposed changes are allowed under town/county zoning and ordinances.
- ☐ a. Town/County **Building Permit** –for buildings, manure storage facilities, other land disturbances (these will take into account **Floodplain, Shoreland, and Wetland Ordinances**)
- ☐ b. Town/County **Conditional Use Permit** – pertinent to sites where roads, nuisance issues, manure storage and spreading may impact community
- ☐ c. Town/County **Manure Storage Ordinance** – for manure storage construction and spreading plans, and some animal lots
- ☐ d. Town/County **Erosion Control/Stormwater Ordinance**
- ☐ e. County **Sanitary Permit** – for employee restrooms
- ☐ f. Town/County **Highway Culvert Permit**
- ☐ g. Town/County **Setbacks**

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- ☐ a. **Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Permit** – for operations with 1,000 animal units or more
- ☐ b. **Storm Water Construction Site General Permit** (includes Post-Construction Stormwater Management) – for operations disturbing 1 acre or more*
*Takes effect March 10, 2003. Before then, this permit is required for operations disturbing 5 acres or more.
- ☐ c. **High Capacity Well Approval** – for operations using a total of 70 gallons/minute or more from all private wells on their property. You may need a **Capacity Certification** if 25 or more people are served daily (contact the Bureau of Drinking Water/Ground Water at 608-264-9246).
- ☐ d. **Chapter 30 Permit (Navigable Streams)** – for constructing within navigable waterways (including stream crossings), diverting water, changing stream course, grading, installing culverts, etc. (See the following website for a complete listing: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/waterway/index.htm. For information on floodplain and shoreland management see www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/dsfm/.)
- ☐ e. **401 Water Quality Certification**–for filling and grading wetlands. A **Wetlands Permit** may also be required from the Army Corps of Engineers. (See <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/waterway/wetlands.htm> for more information about wetland regulations.)

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- ☐ a. **Grade A Milk Permit**